

APPL. NO. 9/825,815
AMDT. DATED May 18, 2004
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF March 23, 2004

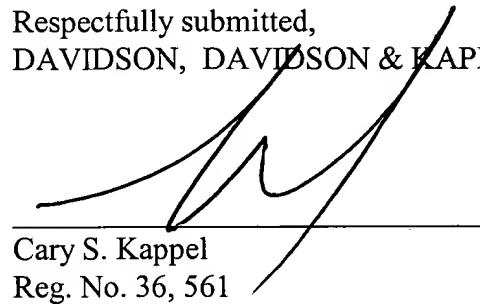
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REMARKS

In response to the election requirement dated March 23, 2004, applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-12, 23-32, 35, 38-40, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 62, and 63) without traverse.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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